

Master Planning, continued...

The next several months will bring a flurry of activity as WDVA jumpstarts the master planning process along with veteran leaders and community members.

We will revisit the principles of the Master Plan and consider changes that reflect the current and future needs of Washington State's veterans while taking into account the current economic climate of our state and the Governor's Priorities of Government.

The Master Planning Goals have served as an excellent guide and we will continue to follow them closely.

A goal has been set to produce an updated Master Plan by Fall, 2004. This updated plan may contain revisions to our Strategic Plan based on:

1. **Demand for Care** – We know our veteran population is aging and the demand for services will grow. However, when this is combined with a depressed economy there is a need to prioritize the type of care provided.
2. **Economic Climate** – Washington's economy has shifted significantly since November 2000, when the Master Plan was completed. The Master Plan must be updated to respond to these changes.
3. **Priorities of Government (POG)** – A slumping economy prompted the prioritization of all government services. Caring for *VULNERABLE ADULTS* and enhancing the *ECONOMIC VITALITY* of citizens were determined to be top priorities. Because WDVA is in the business of caring for *VULNERABLE VETERANS* and increasing the amounts of *COMPENSATION & PENSION* they receive from the VA, our priorities must also be re-assessed to ensure they fit within the priorities of government funding.

Many staff members were involved in the initial Master Plan process and will remain an integral part of planning for our agency's future.

Their outstanding performance and dedication to provide the highest quality care to our State's veterans has kept WDVA in the business of Serving Those Who Served. Today's performance secures the future for tomorrow! So, stay connected and continue your involvement in the future of WDVA.



ORIGINAL STATEWIDE MASTER PLANNING GOALS

- ◆ Maintain both the Retsil and Orting campuses as viable and cost-effective places for serving the long-term care and other needs of veterans.
- ◆ Promote the concept of "Aging In Place" to provide the ideal of long-term care continuum for veterans.
- ◆ Continue to primarily serve the veteran population that is low-income and/or medically indigent.
- ◆ Enhance services at the State Veterans Homes so that they meet veteran needs and can be provided on a cost-effective basis.
- ◆ Explore opportunities for new partnerships and funding sources.
- ◆ Improve the integration of the State Veterans Homes with community-based services.
- ◆ Modernize aging, functionally obsolete facilities at the State Veterans Homes through replacement or renovation.
- ◆ Enhance services in Eastern Washington to meet the continuum of care of veterans, including the establishment of a State Veterans Home.
- ◆ Develop and/or enhance community-based care and services to veterans throughout Washington State.